



## HCE NEWSLETTER

June/July 2016

St. Croix County Association for Home and  
Community Education



Hope everyone is enjoying the spring weather and getting outside to enjoy it. Last week Wanda Breitbach and I took a dry run to Ladysmith for the June 25 Fairy Garden Tour, lunch will be at the Toad House, (which was closed that day, but looks so cute and a great menu). There is also an art fair in Ladysmith on June 25. Then on to some of the best greenhouses I have ever been to. The one in Ladysmith looked like I had entered the Land of Oz, the colors were overwhelming and each and every plant looked so healthy, it was amazing. They had a teaser collection of fairy garden items there. On to the main attraction - the greenhouse in Winter. Inside and out was so fabulous, I can't describe it, the spring blossoms were so vivid and their fairy garden section was so cute and creative. They have several outdoor displays and walking paths, all looking great. It is a must see location that you even have to enter through a sliding gate, very exclusive!! The last official stop was another greenhouse near Spooner. They had fairy items also which we discovered were less expensive than the Winter location, shop wisely! The tour won't be just about fairies, but a unique and quirky scavenger hunt while driving, plan to bring some pennies for this part of the trip. See elsewhere in the newsletter for details. I highly recommend the trip.

*The Quilts of Gee's Bend*, I mentioned this book at Spring Council while talking about the quilt project being done by Melodee Sortedahl, and the Honey Doers Club. This is a wonderful (large) photo picture book with narrative about these talented ladies and how they made the world a better place through quilting. I had checked it out at Hudson Library, it was a very inspirational book, much like the lovely quilts shown at Spring Council. *The Quilts of Gee's Bend* published September 23, 2002, by William Arnett and Alvia Wardlaw (Authors). The women of Gee's Bend, Alabama have developed a distinctive, bold, and sophisticated quilting style based on traditional American and African American quilts.

Before summer slips away, please make plans to visit the county fair and help out in our building. I was at the May Fair last weekend and our building is looking kind of worn out, not sure what we'd be allowed to fix, but maybe we need to look at that item. When the sheep have better digs than we do it's time to do something! For the fair this year our silent auction will be held again, suggestions for 'basket' items were made as well as any homemade items (jams etc.), plants were discouraged, as were any used items. Though a used HCE cookbook might be a hot item!

Have a great summer and stop out at Homestead park to see the Bookworm houses and me!  
Your President,  
Maggie Hall

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**Executive Board Meeting**  
May 9; 2:00 pm  
Ag Services & Education Center

The meeting was called to order by vice president Wanda Breitbach at 2:00pm. Pledge and creed recited.

**Roll Call Present:** Carol Kobernick, Betty Lee, Eunice Hop, Joan Sprain, Linda Sutherland, Mary Hampton, Phoebe Shourds, Bev Wubbels, Lois Burri, Wanda Breitbach with Guest: Jolane Anderson.

**Secretary Minutes:** Approved

**Treasurer Report:** Report approved first by Bev Wubbels and Louis Burri second; approved.

**Old Business:** Scholarships, Wanda talked about any member that would join HCE. Then can apply for a scholarship for a relative for older ones going on to college. Other relatives such as nieces and nephews were discussed. Also to update the scholarship recommendations. Table and discuss at Fall Council.

Linda Sutherland gave a presentation of the placemats for dementia. The event will be Tuesday, May 10 at 1:30pm at the Deer Field. New Richmond News will be present for pictures for the paper. A big thank you to Linda and all that made placemats. Linda talked about going to a play in the fall instead of a project.

Suggestions so far were Phipps on September 25 at 7:30pm and the last day would be October 1. It is a comedy night and also Vince Lombardi. The cost is \$25.00 but for large groups the cost is \$20.00 or potentially a larger discount. Spring Valley Theater—Mary Hampton will try to find more information on that. Some other suggestions are The Gem in New Richmond and the Space also in New Richmond.

There was discussion about promoting HCE more in the newspaper, cable channels, etc. Joan Sprain suggested the best way is to invite non-members to our events.

Fairy Gardens—The tour will be on June 25 starting at 9:00am and will meet at Deer Park library. It will be all day tour to Winter, WI to the winter Green House.

Garden Gig—A big thank you to Maggie Hall for all the work she did for the Garden Gig. Some got new members to join. About 25 attended and had a great time.

St. Croix County Fair—July 21-24. Phoebe with ideas of displays, fairy garden display, silent auction items, Book Worms display and Fidget Mats displayed. The building has to be done by Thursday so it will be done for judging. Discuss repairs on fair building. Tabled for later.

Spring Council—Honey Doers Club did a great job on the event and lunch. Thank you to all of you, everybody had a great time. Melissa did a wonderful job on the program. Thank you so much Melissa. Linda Sutherland read and has a list of the cultural arts winners and she will put it in the newsletter, there was beautiful things made. The scholarship winner, Travis Pechaek was awarded. We honored the 25-50 year members. Doris Erler—50 years, Donna Ray—50 years and Sandra Peterson—25 years. Congratulations to all of you. You are great members and we all appreciate all you have done for the HCE club. The theme was music and seven wonderful women came on their noon hour and one played the keyboards and we all had a fun sing a long together. Thank you ladies!

Joan Sprain talked about changes in the Extension Office.

Fundraisers for HCE—Wanda suggested gift cards, script cards to be sold for HCE at Kwik Trip, where if we buy 20 and sell 20 we get money back. These cards are to be used to buy inside the store or gas outside.

Eunice made a motion to go forward with the gift card and Phoebe second it.

New Business: Eunice Hop discussed Fall Council that will be held on September 29 at the First Reformed Church in Baldwin. Irma Zwald will talk on Latin America.

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State Convention will be held September 12-14 in Eau Claire. There is a new number for the Plaza Hotel (1-800-482-7829) 8708 is the block number and the cost per room is \$99.00. Send your registrations to Phoebe Shrouds.

Farm City Day will be August 13 at the Crisdhome Farms. More details will be in the next newsletter.

Board Members to submit to the next newsletter are Donna Wilcoxson and Carol Kobernick .

Homestead WI Bookworm Readers will be at Homestead Park with the first bookworm reading by Mary Hampton and Shirley Grinley.

Memorandum of Understanding—Joan Sprain—State HCE needs to be reviewed for the State of Wisconsin HCE and will have to be done by January 21st. The staff will be serving Polk County and St. Croix County. Members please submit volunteer hours to Phoebe Shourds. Please submit the Move and Groove forms to Lois Burri.

Phoebe made a motion to adjourn and Linda second it.

Closed with the prayer

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### **St. Croix County HCE Spring Council Meeting**

Friday, April 29; 9:30 am—2:00 pm

Hammond Town Hall, Hammond

Theme—Music

Meeting is called to order by president Maggie Hall. Opened with prayer and pledge

St. Croix County members in attendance:

Deer Park	5	Glover	3	Happy Valley Hour	3
Honey Doer's	9	Lincoln	0	McKinley	2
Nike Neighbors	5	Pleasant Grove	3	Springfield	0
Warren	3	Woods n' Hills	2	Individual	4
Guests	1	Family Living Agent	1	<b>Total Attending:</b>	<b>41</b>

Secretary report—approved by Phoebe

Project for Nigaragua—Joan Sprain talked. Melody talked about quilt covers for children. Phoebe talked about eye glass and cell phone covers. Phoebe will bring to Stevens Point. Thank you to all these ladies. It's a great project.

Pennies for Friendship—donated to Women Walk the World

Treasurer Report—approved

New Business: Linda Sutherland with cultural arts talked about going to a play in October at the Phipps. The Art Barn was also mentioned.

Placemats—Fidget Mats for Dementia; 30 or more were donated and will do to Deer Field. A time will be set up for the donation as New Richmond News will be there.

Fall Council—Eunice talked about the event to be held on September 29 and Irma Zwald will talk on Latin America.

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Scholarship—Joan Sprain talked about state funding. The cost of college is over \$20,000.00. Joan also talked about changes in the Extension Office. The areas that will be covered are Pierce, Polk and St. Croix. Char Croes will work on details on how things are changing. A big thank you went to Char for all she does for us on attending meetings and speaking out to support the Extension Office.

County Fair—Members voted to have silent auction baskets as well as a book sale that will include current books, CDs and movies.

HCE Building Display—There will be a scholarship display, Bookworm display and a placemat display. A shift sign up sheet was sent around for members to sign up to work at our building.

Scholarship Announcement—Travis Pechacek was awarded. He is from River Falls and plans to attend the University of River Falls. Travis will focus on Geography, map making or land surveyor. Discussion if others can apply for the scholarship if they have been to college and plan to go on. They said they can apply.

Old Business: Potato Night—Maggie said it was a very good night. Garden Gig—Maggie said about 25 came and said it was good.

Fairy Garden Tour—Wanda said it would be on June 24 in Winter WI. Meet at Deer Park Library at 9:00am. Thank you Wanda.

Membership—Honored 25 and 50 year members. Doris Erler, 50 years; Donna Ray, 50 years and Sandra Peterson, 25 years. Congratulations to all of you. You're great members to HCE.

Drawing for State Convention—Char Croes

Cultural Arts Winners—winners will be submitted in newsletter by Linda Sutherland.

Program—Sing along where seven wonderful women came on their noon hour and one played the keyboard and we all sang songs from the past. It was enjoyed by all.

# SAVE THE DATE!

## Fall Council and International Meeting

Sept 29, 2016; 5:30pm

First Reformed Church (west on 63 on 11th Ave)



Spring Council was a success on Honey Doers watch as far as we look back. The attendance wasn't as big as we had hoped it would be but it seemed everyone enjoyed it. I want to thank Linda Sutherland for donating the delicious, fresh rolls she made. Kwik Trip donated the cookies. Thank you to Stephany's daughter for seed packets, they went over good.

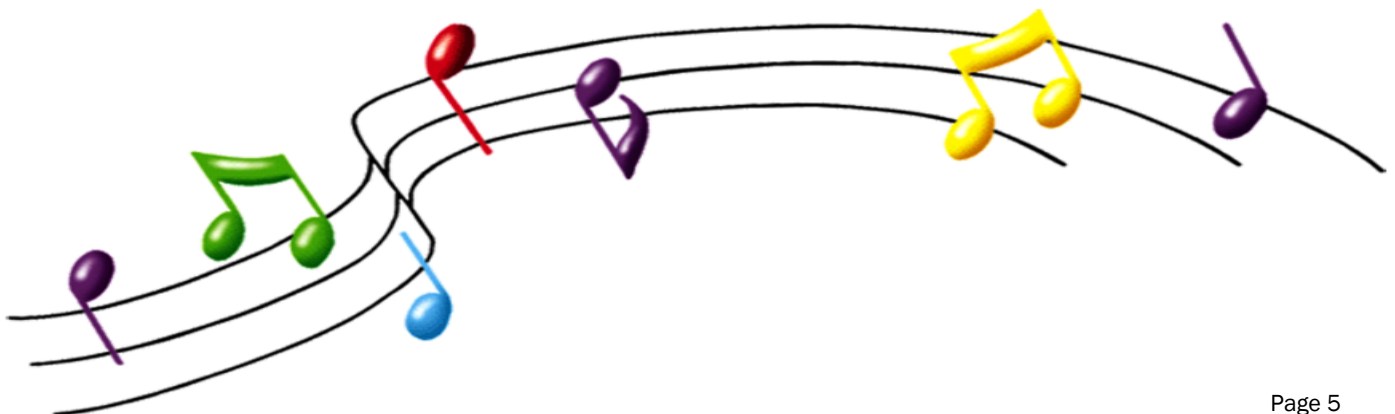
We enjoyed the Senior Singers for their peppy old time songs. We hope all enjoyed it. I personally want to thank everyone who pitched in and helped set up, take down and everything else. It was very much appreciated. Special thanks to the Honey Doers decorating crew. They did a very good job.

- Elizabeth Lee



The "Senior Singers" with Janis Helgeson on keyboard entertained at Spring Council. They led all of us in singing all the old songs we all knew.

Singers: Carol Lynum, Donna Blegen, Sharon Nelson, Rita Johnson, Bev Bunes, Kathy Last (left to right)





## Cultural Arts

What a beautiful day we had for Spring Council, and what wonderful entries for our cultural arts show. We had 14 entries for classes 1 to 18 and 9 entries for the bonus category. Thank you to all the artists who contributed.

Blue ribbons go to: Melodee Sortedahl—Essay “Let’s Appreciate Them Now.”

Melodee Sortedahl—painted object, quilt	Charlotte Croes—Heritage, woven rug
Melodee Sortedahl—crafts, Christmas cards	Betty Rudesill—Wall Hanging, “Tea Time”
Linda Sutherland—Photography, “Two Tigers”	Betty Rudesill—Lap/Baby Quilt, “Out of This World”
Charlotte Croes—Knitting, scarf/shawl	Charlotte Croes—Sewing, recycled purse
Carol Keller—Handstitching, cross stitched picture of the Holy Family	

Red Ribbons go to: Lois Burri—Handstitching, cross stitched, four season picture

Bea Hunt—Sewing, recycled pillow from a navy uniform	
Merlee Jensen—Knitting, potholder	Phoebe Shourds—Photography, plant

Best of Show winner: Melodee Sortedahl for her Christmas cards. Bonus Category winner: Shirley Hampton for her piano and player display.

The blue ribbon and bonus category winners will represent St. Croix County at our State Conference in September. You can see the entries at our County Fair in July in the HCE building.

Thank you to the HCE members who came to the Deerfield in New Richmond on May 10 for the Fidget Mat presentation. There were 28 mats given to the residents of the Dementia/Alzheimer's units. A few of the residents were present and as the mats were set down on lady started picking them up and putting them to use. I received a thank you card from Jackie Wallen, Director and I am looking forward to the New Richmond Newspaper article about our project.

I will be checking on more play choices for our cultural arts outing in October. I did contact the Phipps Center for the Arts in Hudson and their last play for the season ends on September 25. I will keep looking and give you an update in our next newsletter.

Linda Sutherland, Cultural Arts Chair

## Kwik Trip Script Fundraising Program

Great News!! The Board has approved the fundraising idea of the Kwik Trip Script Fundraising Program. As soon as I get the paperwork signed and sent in, we will get this program started. The Cards will be in increments of \$5 and \$10.

Pre-orders will be accepted. I was able to get permission to sell in our HCE building at the county fair this year -- we need to make some money to do some fixing updates in our HCE building. If you would like to purchase for graduation -- please contact Bev Wubbels at 715-684-2348 email [belaw@baldwin-telecom.net](mailto:belaw@baldwin-telecom.net) or Phoebe Shourds at 715-821-1606 or email [pnpaulson@yahoo.com](mailto:pnpaulson@yahoo.com).

Phoebe Shourds 715-821-1606 Mobile

## Fair Silent Auction / Spring Council Salad Recipes

The St. Croix County Fair will be here before we know it. As you saw in Maggie's letter we would like one basket from each club, if possible. The baskets can be any value. Deliver to me in River Falls or directly at the fair building. Weather permitting we will be cleaning the building Wednesday Morning, so you can drive right up to the building. We hope to be done and set up by noon. Books are always welcome. I still have opening for people to work on Saturday if anybody wants to help out -- just give me a call - 715-821-1606.

Also -- If you'd like to share a salad recipe (especially from the Spring Council meeting) please mail or email to me. Phoebe Shourds at: 401 Hwy 65, River Falls WI 54022 or [pnpaulson@yahoo.com](mailto:pnpaulson@yahoo.com).



## Congratulations

Congratulations and thank you to the members recognized at the Spring Council meeting.

Doris Erler—50 years, Donna Ray—50 years and Sandra Peterson—25 years

Congratulations to Charlotte Croes and Sandra Peterson for being selected to attend State Conference.

Thank you to all members and board members for all you do for your clubs, communities and world. Your hard work and dedication doesn't go unnoticed. Keep up the great work that you all do!

## Scholarship Recipients

Congratulations to St. Croix County HCE Scholarship recipient:

Travis Pechacek was awarded the HCE Scholarship. He is from River Falls and plans to attend the University of River Falls. Travis will focus on Geography, map making or land surveyor.



St. Croix County HCE Rural School Book Scholarship recipient:

There were no applicants this year for the HCE Rural School Book Scholarship.

## FAIRY GARDEN TOUR

Greetings fellow HCE members. This is a reminder to **PLEASE let me know** if you, your club, &/or friends are planning to come along on the Fairy Garden Tour on Saturday, June 25, 2016. We are meeting at the Deer Park Library and heading out at 9am to the Winter Greenhouse in Winter WI as well as stopping at one in Spooner on the way back to Deer Park. We will be stopping at various sites along the way and having lunch at The Toad House restaurant in Ladysmith, WI. This is an all day event, but we should be back to Deer Park around 4pm.

Your President, Maggie Hall, my friend and new member JoLane Anderson, and I went on a pre-tour two weeks ago. We had an amazing time. It was raining off and on most of the day, but that was absolutely not a hindrance for the tour. So if it's raining, just bring an umbrella along if need be. Also, bring/wear comfortable shoes as there are a few short trails that you may enjoy at the Toad House and also at the Winter Greenhouse, which are just beautiful and fun.

This is a FREE event. The only cost to you would be for your lunch (the Toad House has excellent food) and purchases, if any. Also hopefully, a donation to your driver for gas, etc. unless you are planning to drive or volunteering to be a driver. (Please let me know if you are willing/or would like to be a driver).

The plan is to make your own fairy garden at the greenhouse during this tour so you may want to bring your own container, fairies, accessories, etc. along with you to keep the costs down. Of course, you don't have to make a fairy garden to come along on this tour, but I think it's a fun project and they (the gardens) are so cute. I couldn't pass up buying this little tiny white rabbit sitting in a leaf canoe holding a tiny leaf paddle; just precious!

So, come on along with us. I can almost guarantee a great time with fun things to do and see.

Thanks,

Wanda Breitbach, Council Vice President; Home: 715-248-3806 and Cell: 612-719-6017



### IMPORTANT NOTICE

HCE Club Member Contribution --Time and Dollars Reporting -- Many of you are probably already doing this but I'd like to have the rest of you complete this as well. It is very important this year that we complete this! There are budget cuts in the University System that will probably affect the Extension office. Other counties are also doing this and it is a very powerful set of numbers.

NOTE: This report is from June 1, 2015 - to May 31, 2016. Note the County and State Board members use the form from the Website, [www.wahceinc.org](http://www.wahceinc.org).

Events to include not included on the attached form. - can be on a separate piece of paper also. Did you do a special club activity, work the county fair, Bookworms Trail, WI Bookworms, attend a special leader training or cultural arts event? This DOES NOT need to be exact. - Just your best guess.

NOTE: Please mail or email to Phoebe Shourds - 401 State Road 65, River Falls, WI 54022 or email [pnpaulson@yahoo.com](mailto:pnpaulson@yahoo.com) NOT Joan Blonien - no probably if you do, just that I would like to compile and forward to her by the due date. The form to fill out and send to Phoebe is found on page 10.

Thank you!! Phoebe Shourds 715-821-1606 Mobile

**Ag Services and  
Education Center  
Hours of Operation:**  
Monday—Friday  
8:00 am—4:30 pm  
715-531-1930





## Impact of HCE -- 2016

### HCE Club Member Contribution Report



To recognize the achievements and contributions of HCE members, each member is asked to complete the following sheet. Information will be compiled into an "Impact of HCE" Report. The dates for the report for 2016 are June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015 to May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2016. Please give your reports to your Club President or your County President so they can be compiled. **Counties will put everything together on the County Form and send to JoAnn Blonien, WAHCE Vice President for Family and Community Life by June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Thank You!**

**Contact information:** (will not be shared, for record keeping only)

**Club Member's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**County:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Club:** \_\_\_\_\_

In the past year please indicate the number of times you attended and the amount of time you gave for the following:

<b>Event</b>	<b># Attended</b>	<b>Time Spent</b>
County HCE Executive Board Meetings	_____	_____
County HCE Spring Event(s)	_____	_____
County HCE Fall Event(s)	_____	_____
County HCE Educational Sessions	_____	_____
HCE Club Meetings	_____	_____
HCE District Meetings	_____	_____
HCE State Meetings	_____	_____
		<b>TOTAL</b> _____

Please list any fundraising activities you were involved with on behalf of HCE.  
(example: bake sale at the bank for HCE))

<b>Fundraising Activity</b>	<b>Time Spent</b>
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
	<b>TOTAL</b> _____

Please list any community outreach activities that are directly related to HCE .  
(example: Bingo at the nursing home for HCE))

<b>Community Outreach</b>	<b>Time Spent</b>
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
	<b>TOTAL</b> _____

Please list the value of any **individual donations** (monetary or otherwise) you made for HCE.  
Note: Club donations will be obtained from Club Treasurer.  
(example: crocheted baby blanket for HCE)

<b>Donations</b>	<b>Estimated Dollar Value</b>
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
	<b>TOTAL</b> _____

## St. Croix County Contribution

	June 1, 2015 - May 31, 2016	Name/Club:	
2015	Event	Hours	Registration/Donations/Pennies
<b>13-Jul</b>	<b>Board Meeting</b>		
July 15-19	County Fair Glenwood City		
8-Aug	Farm City Deer Park		
8-Sep	Board Meeting		
Sept 13-16	State Conference Stevens Point		
3-Oct	Cultural Arts Corn Husk/Baldwin		
15-Oct	Fall Council 1st Reform/Intl/50 - \$10		
22-Oct	Fall District - Chippewa Falls		
	Fair Board Meetings		
9-Nov	Planning Baldwin/Potluck		
<b>2016</b>			
11-Jan	Board Meeting		
4-Feb	Spud/Training Baldwin		
14-Mar	Board Meeting		
12-Mar	Fidgit Mats - Arts, Baldwin		
21-Apr	Spring District - Hammond		
29-Apr	Spring Council - Cost of Salad		
22-Apr	Garden - Hudson \$15		
	Fair Board Meetings		
9-May	Board Meeting		
<b>Committee</b>	Fall Council Pre Meeting (s)		
	Spring Council Pre Meetingss/Calls		
	Meet/Greets (8-10)		
	Cultural Arts - Prep time		
	International - Local /State Events		
	WI Bookworms		
	Bookworms Trail Reading - Hudson		
	Scholarships		
	Membership		
	Marketing		
	HCE Week		
<b>Projects</b>	Stitches of Love		
	Services of Love		
<b>Other - Special</b>			
	Basket for County Fair		
	Books for County Fair		
	Items for Resource Center		
	Club Activities		
	Display for County Fair		
	Donation of items for Fall Council		

Write in whatever else you worked on.

Send to Phoebe Shourds - 401 State Road 65, River Falls, WI 54022 - pnpaulson@yahoo.com

## **Club News:**

**Happy Valley Hour**—In January, the club attended “learning about the Amish.” In February the club attended a lesson on food labeling, food and salt. The baked potato was delicious. In March the club attended the activity Placemats for Dementia Patience. Club members made five placemats. Eunice reminded the club about the Spring Council, which will be at the Hammond Town Hall on April 29 starting at 9:30am. We are to bring a salad for every two members attending. Ruth will bring the salad. We will bring our finished placemats to the Spring Council. Ruth read a letter from His Arms Orphan Project thanking our club for sponsoring Novian for another year. Monthly lesson on Eunice Hop’s Panama trip. She told us about the people, the Panama Canal, and the rain forests. She showed us many beautiful pictures, very interesting. Thanks Eunice.

**Lincoln**—Lost two members. The January meeting was at the Baldwin Public Library to hear the speaker Mark Loudon on “Who Are the Amish?” Three members were able to attend that event. They felt it was very informative and interesting. There were three members that attended the baked potato food night on February 4. The March meeting was canceled due to the passing of our friend and club member Evelyn Peterson, an HCE member for 70+ years. Mary Frey shared a thank you from the Family Resource Center for our club’s donation in memory of Evelyn. She also shared the letter regarding the Children’s Holiday Shopping Spree. Joan reminded us of the Spring Council meeting on April 29 and that we should provide a salad for every two people attending. We discussed the Garden Gig and no member was planning on attending. Interest was shown in attending the Fairy Garden Tour on June 25 by some members. We discussed some other cultural arts trips that are available from other resources. We will try to sign up for helping in the HCE building at the fair on Thursday, July 21 in the afternoon. The May meeting will be May 17 at 6pm at Jody Wolski’s house. She will look into providing some Norwegian food for us to enjoy. The June meeting will be the picnic at Joan’s home on June 21 at 6pm. The lesson for the month was a folded paper pocket for a message and/or candy that was presented by Joan.

**Nike Neighbors**—Good Neighbor Days has been moved to 11:00 and all other activities have also been moved earlier Sunday. The club will sell pie, ice cream and root beer floats both days. Four members are planning on attending Spring Council with two members having been member for 50 years. We are still sewing LouPads and will send them in after our May meeting at Bea’s home. A reminder that a former member, Donna’s estate is being held at her home on Saturday.

### **Meet and Greet Opportunities**

*June 22 at Postmark Grill*

*225 Locust St., Hudson*

*July 27 at Not Just a Cafe*

*850 N Knowles Ave., New Richmond*

Meet and Greets are held at 11:30 am. Join us for a good meal & great company!

Committee: Joan Brown 715-749-3302 and

Ann Rebholz 715-386-2887

- ◆ Please call Joan a day before to RSVP for head count for the restaurant . *A variety full menu is offered at all restaurants*



### **Calendar of Events**

June	1	Reports Due: UPDATE, Service Awards, MISC	
June	22	Meet & Greet	Postmark Grill, Hudson 11:30
July	11	Executive Board Meeting -	Ag Center 2:00 – 3:30pm
July	20-24	St. Croix County Fair	Glenwood City 9am-9pm
July	27	Meet & Greet	Not Just a Café, New Richmond 11:30